

## THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

July 2011 – Week 40

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### TITLE: A PROUD TEXAN RETURNS

JULY 1990 AND A BATTLE-WEARY TEXAN RETURNS HOME.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

JULY 26, 1990. HOUSTON. CHRISTENED IN 1912 BY SAM HOUSTON'S GRANDDAUGHTER, THE BATTLESHIP TEXAS IS A WITNESS TO HISTORY.

IT SURVIVED WORLD WAR ONE IN THE ATLANTIC AND SAW THE SURRENDER OF THE GERMAN NAVY IN 1918. IN WORLD WAR TWO, IT SUPPORTED OMAHA BEACH ON D-DAY. IN THE PACIFIC, IT SHELLED IWO JIMA AND SURVIVED KAMIKAZES AT OKINAWA.

IN 1948, THE PROUD SHIP CAME HOME TO TEXAS AND FACED ITS WORST ENEMY: TIME. BY THE 1980'S THE DREADNOUGHT WAS RUSTED AND LEAKING.

A CAMPAIGN TO SAVE THE OLD WARRIOR RAISED MILLIONS, INCLUDING PENNIES DONATED BY TEXAS SCHOOLCHILDREN.

TODAY, AFTER TWO YEARS IN DRYDOCK, THE TEXAS RETURNS TO A GRAND CELEBRATION.

THE BATTLESHIP TEXAS CAME HOME TO STAY 21 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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